

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, June 9, 2022
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairperson
Eugene Marchand, Vice-Chairperson
Mary Kortmann, Secretary
Peter DePaola
Emma Eaton
Courtney Rossignol
Christina Williams

Also Present: Celia Delvecchio, Student BOE Representative

Administrators:

Dr. David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools
Robert Carroll, Director of Finance and Operations

Audience: Dr. Beth Giller, PSSS Director; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Christian Marcinczyk, CNH Assistant Principal; CHS Seniors Kaitlyn LaRose and Nicholas Wesoloskie; Meredith Kirkpatrick, CHS Teacher; Courtney Barker, Coventry Academy Teacher; Emily Grout, CNH Teacher; Sarah Leduc, CGS Special Education Teacher; David Symonds from QA+M Architecture, and Rusty Malik from QA+M Architecture (arrived via Zoom at 7:35 p.m.).

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

J. Beausoleil led the salute to the flag.

II. Audience of Citizens

There were none.

IV. Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Petrone reviewed events taking place in district, regionally, and state-wide. He talked about graduation on Saturday. He thanked Ted Opdenbrouw (District Security Specialist) and Jeff Spadjinske (Acting Police Chief) for their efforts in reviewing end-of-the-year activities and developing any needed safety plans.

IV.A. Student Recognition: Institute of Living Brain Dance Award Recipients - CHS Seniors Kaitlyn LaRose and Nicholas Wesoloskie with Meredith Kirkpatrick, CHS Teacher

Dr. Petrone recognized students Kaitlyn LaRose and Nicholas Wesoloskie, who were winners in the Institute of Living Brain Dance Awards. Ms. Kirkpatrick said a few words about the award program.

IV.B. Staff Recognition: Rookie of the Year - Outstanding First Year Teachers - Courtney Barker, Coventry Academy; Emily Grout, CNH Teacher; Gia Karahalios, CGS Special Education Teacher; and Sarah Leduc, CGS Special Education Teacher

Dr. Petrone recognized this year's Outstanding First Year Teachers, Coventry's Rookies of the Year. Dr. Giller said a few words about Courtney Barker, Coventry Academy Teacher. Ms. DeJulius said a few words about Emily Grout, CNH Teacher. Dr. Giller said a few words about Sarah Leduc, CGS Special Education Teacher. Awards were given to each teacher.

IV.C. Information and Recognition: Board of Education Student Representative Report - Last Meeting

Dr. Petrone thanked Celia for her efforts over the last year, and wished her well after graduation. E. Marchand said Celia has upheld the tradition of our Student Board of Education Representatives.

Ms. Delvecchio reported activities taking place at the high school, including the senior picnic, senior prom, senior barbeque, spring sports winding down, and the upcoming graduation.

MOTION: To move the Consent Agenda to before the Goal Achievement Reports

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IV.D. Consent Agenda

IV.D.1. Approve CNH May/June 2023 Field Experience to Washington, DC

IV.D.2. Approve CHS May 2023 Field Experience to Washington, DC

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda as listed.

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: E. Eaton

Result: Motion passes unanimously

MOTION: To move the Roof Replacement item to next on the agenda.

By: E. Eaton

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IV.E. Information and Possible VOTE: Approve the Roof Replacement Plans and Specifications for the G. H. Robertson School and Coventry High School

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the May 26, 2022 Special Meeting
By: C. Williams **Seconded: M. Kortmann**
Result: Motion passes 6-0-1 (P. DePaola abstained)

VII.B. Approve the Minutes of the May 26, 2022 Regular Meeting

MOTION: To approve the modified Minutes of the May 26, 2022 Regular Meeting.
By: E. Marchand **Seconded: M. Kortmann**
Discussion: E. Eaton asked for the spelling of signage to be corrected.
Result: Motion passes unanimously

VIII. Old Business

VIII.A. Information and Possible VOTE: FY23 Budget

J. Beausoleil noted there is no vote tonight, as we don't have our reduction number yet. She said the Board will review and vote next week. She reviewed the budget process at this point.

C. Williams said she fully supports the Board's budget and would like to see the Town get in line with the Board's.

C. Rossignol said it is disappointing to think that we may be cutting programs. She talked about using the 2% fund or the tuition fund. Dr. Petrone explained that the 2% account cannot be used for anything but emergencies or CIP items, legally.

C. Williams talked about having two referendums, one for the Board budget and one for the Town. J. Beausoleil said that would be through a Charter revision.

VIII.B. Review and VOTE: Policies for Deletion and Revision

J. Beausoleil said these policies have already been reviewed publically.

VIII.B.1. Delete: 5113B Attendance (CHS Credits)

P. DePaola said it was difficult to find the attendance policies online in the handbooks and the high school policy did not provide clarity for parents.

MOTION: To delete Policy 5113B Attendance (CHS Credits)
By: E. Eaton **Seconded: E. Marchand**
Result: Motion passes 4-3 (P. DePaola, C. Rossignol, C. Williams against)

VIII.B.2. Delete: 8110 Role of Board and Members (Duplicate of 9270)

There was no discussion.

MOTION: To delete Policy 8110 Role of Board and Members
By: E. Marchand **Seconded: C. Rossignol**
Result: Motion passes unanimously

VIII.B.3. Delete: 8342 Construction and Posting of Agenda (Duplicate of 9360)

IX.C.1. VOTE: Approve Budget Transfer

M. Kortmann said this is to true up the line items. She explained the policy as to why these lines cannot be overextended. J. Beausoleil said the substitute salary line and the transportation line have savings.

MOTION: To approve the budget transfer of \$20,000 from account 100 Salaries to 200 Employee Benefits and \$40,000 from accounts 300-500 Purchased Services to 600 Supplies

By: E. Eaton

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion passes unanimously

E. Marchand said he was very disappointed that \$5,764.50 was spent on attorney fees due to a Board member's FOIA request regarding other Board members' emails.

X. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

By: C. Rossignol

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion carries unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: June 16, 2022